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INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 12 of its resolution 47/209 A of 22 December 1992, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session a detailed performance report on the budget of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), including the planned disposal of the assets of the operation.

2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General submitted his proposals for the disposition of the property of UNTAC in annex VIII to his report on the financing of UNTAC. 1/

3. In paragraph 10 of its resolution 47/209 B of 14 September 1993, the General Assembly decided that the disposition of the property of UNTAC should proceed on the basis of the principle that the equipment of UNTAC should, wherever possible and cost-effective, be transferred to other missions, and in this connection endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) with regard to the disposition of the equipment and requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the disposition on that basis.

4. In paragraph 11 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present a report early at the forty-eighth session providing a detailed explanation for the donation of certain assets to the Government of Cambodia along with the proposals for the donation of any remaining assets that cannot be transferred to other missions.

5. The present report provides details as to the status of the disposition of UNTAC assets, including those that have been identified for consideration for sale or donation to the new Government of Cambodia. It is submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 11 of resolution 47/209 B.

I. PLAN FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE ASSETS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA

6. The recommendations of the Secretary-General with respect to the disposition of UNTAC assets as set out in annex VIII, paragraph 5 (a) to (d) of document A/47/733/Add.1 are as follows:

(a) Equipment that conforms to established standards or is considered compatible with existing equipment would be redeployed to other United Nations operations elsewhere in the world or placed in reserve for use by future missions;

(b) Certain United Nations agencies and international and non-governmental organizations have been operating in Cambodia or are in the process of establishing a presence there. Equipment that may be required for the start-up or expansion of those organizations' operations and that cannot be kept in

reserve in terms of subparagraph (a) above would be transferred to a relevant agency against appropriate credit to the UNTAC Special Account;

(c) Commercial disposal under standard United Nations procedures within the country;

(d) Any surplus UNTAC assets remaining after the disposition of the items referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (c) above and/or any assets already installed in Cambodia, the dismantling of which would in fact set back the rehabilitation progress of the country, would be contributed to the Government of Cambodia. This refers, in particular, to airfield installation and equipment, bridges and mine-clearing equipment.

II. STATUS OF DISPOSITION OF THE ASSETS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA

7. A review of all properties held by UNTAC was completed in August 1993. As shown in annex VIII, appendix I, to document A/47/733/Add.1, the inventory value of UNTAC assets available for disposition was estimated at $208.4 million, excluding transportation and installation costs. The residual value amounted to $150.23 million.

8. The available assets were classified into three groups. Group I included assets identified as meeting the requirements of other United Nations missions, valued at approximately $57.47 million. Group II consisted of assets identified by cost-benefit analysis as not suitable for transfer outside Cambodia. It included those assets which, because of their physical condition, were not worth the additional costs of transfer outside Cambodia and those whose physical location prohibited removal. The total residual value of group II amounted to $59.4 million. The remainder of the assets, which had a residual value of approximately $33.36 million, were classified under group III, pending further study.

9. Annex I provides a summary table of the status of the disposition of UNTAC assets with a total residual value of $150.23 million as at 7 December 1993. Column 1 shows the original value of the assets totalling $208.4 million. Column 2 shows the residual value of the assets totalling $150.23 million. The status of the disposition of the assets is indicated in columns 3 to 7. Column 3, or group I, includes assets transferred to other United Nations missions and offices, valued at $49.74 million. Column 4, or group II, consists of assets identified for sale or donation to the Government of Cambodia. The total residual value of group II amounts to $49.63 million. Column 5, or group III, consists of assets sold to various organizations, amounting to $3.18 million. Column 6, or group IV, lists losses of assets due to theft, amounting to $2.73 million. The remainder of the assets, which have a residual value of $44.95 million, are listed in column 7, or group V. The disposition of these assets is still under review.

10. As indicated in paragraph 9 above, the total residual value of UNTAC assets identified for sale or donation to the Government of Cambodia amounts to $49.63 million. Supplementary information thereon is presented in annex II.

III. CONCLUSION

11. The disposition of UNTAC assets is a continuing process until the end of the liquidation phase. Details of the final disposition will be reported to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

Notes

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Annex I

STATUS OF THE DISPOSITION OF ASSETS AS AT 7 DECEMBER 1993

Summary statement

(In millions of United States dollars)

			Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V
	Original value (1)	Residual value (2)	Transferred to other missions (3)	Identified for sale or donation to the Government of Cambodia (4)	Sold (5)	Losses due to theft (6)	Balance under review (7)
1. Vehicular equipment	63.90	46.63	27.80	0.06	2.09	2.20	14.48
2. Prefabricated accommodation	56.11	35.41	4.88	16.22	0.03	0.13	14.15
3. Communication equipment							
(a) Complementary	14.13	11.71	3.70	0.00	0.03	0.30	7.68
(b) Trunking network	17.48	14.98	0.00	14.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
(c) Broadcast system	4.42	3.79	0.00	3.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Generators	12.81	11.12	6.36	4.59	0.11	0.06	0.00
5. Air support equipment	2.25	2.04	0.00	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.70
6. Electronic data-processing equipment	10.76	5.83	0.82	1.26	0.10	0.04	3.61
7. Furniture and fixtures	2.25	1.58	0.00	1.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
8. Photocopiers	1.76	1.30	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.87
9. Facsimile machines	0.19	0.17	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
10. Upgrading of government buildings	0.50	0.45	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
11. Military installations	4.80	2.40	0.00	2.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
12. Bridges	3.00	2.70	0.00	1.35	0.80	0.00	0.55

	Original value (1)	Residual value (2)	Group I: Transferred to other missions (3)	Group II: Identified for sale or donation to the Government of Cambodia (4)	Group III: Sold (5)	Group IV: Losses due to theft (6)	Group V: Balance under review (7)
13. Water purification and bladders	1.62	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30
14. Containers	0.65	0.45	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38
15. Mine-clearing equipment	3.34	2.47	0.00	1.51	0.00	0.00	0.96
16. Miscellaneous	8.43	5.90	5.63	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.15
Total	208.40	150.23	49.74	49.63	3.18	2.73	44.95

Annex II

PROPERTY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA IDENTIFIED FOR SALE OR DONATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	Residual value (United States dollars)
1. Vehicles	60 000

1. A total of 14 vehicles have been donated to the Government of Cambodia.

2. Prefabricated accommodation	16 220 000

2. Since it would be neither practical nor cost-efficient to dismantle the "hardwall" prefabricated accommodations installed in Cambodia, these should be left in the country.

3. Communications equipment	
(a) Complementary communications equipment	-
(b) Trunking network	14 980 000
(c) Broadcast system	3 790 000

3. It has been determined that it would not be cost-effective to remove the communications trunking network and the UNTAC radio broadcast station from the country. Furthermore, these assets are considered crucial elements in the further reconstruction process of Cambodia. Hence, every effort has been made to retain these assets in the country as their untimely removal could seriously undermine the peace-building process. These items should therefore be donated to the Government of Cambodia.

4. Generators	4 590 000

4. The generators identified for donation are large heavy-duty equipment supporting the Supreme National Council building and other government facilities. The continued use of these generators is of considerable importance to the new administration in Cambodia. The removal of these generators from their present position and their transport from Cambodia to other peace-keeping missions would not be cost-effective. These generators should therefore be donated to the Government of Cambodia.

5. Air support equipment 1 340 000

5. Air support equipment consists of mobile control towers, navigational aids, airfield lighting sets, fire and rescue vehicles and related support equipment. With the exception of two mobile control towers, the rest of the equipment is very much needed in the country.

6. Considering the poor conditions of the existing road and rail network in Cambodia, uninterrupted access to a reliable air support system that links remote parts of the country is important in the continued effort of nation-building.

7. Navigational aids have been specifically designed for Cambodia and will cost as much to remove and reprogram at the factory for other missions as they are worth. The precision path indicators and runway and approach lighting sets are essential to provide all-weather day- and night-capable airfields. These items have been permanently installed to avoid theft and cannot be removed. Refurbished foam fire and rescue vehicles over 12 years old should remain as there is only one water fire tender to serve all the airfields in the country.

8. With the exception of two mobile control towers, these assets should be donated to the Government of Cambodia.

6. Electronic data-processing equipment 1 260 000

9. The electoral computer system was designed to use the Khmer language. It consists of Khmer keyboards, monitors, three central processing units (CPUs) and four high-speed printers. Owing to its design, the system is not useful outside Cambodia and should therefore be donated to the Government of Cambodia.

7. Furniture and fixtures 1 580 000

10. The cost of transporting furniture and fixtures to other United Nations missions would exceed the value of these items. Furthermore, it would not be cost-effective to airlift items from remote areas of the country to Phnom Penh. A substantial quantity of furniture and fixtures should therefore be donated to the Government of Cambodia.

8. Photocopiers ..... -

11. Nil.

9. Facsimile machines ..... -

12. Nil.

10. Upgrading of government buildings 450 000

13. Existing government structures throughout the provinces and many districts of Cambodia that have been renovated will be returned to the Government of Cambodia.

11. Military installations 2 400 000

14. Military camps throughout the provinces of Cambodia that have been upgraded include barracks, toilets, kitchens, maintenance facilities and other support structures that were not available in the numerous remote sites. The wooden structures are rudimentary in design and cannot be removed, and should therefore be turned over to local officials.

12. Bridges 1 350 000

15. Some 750 metres of bridge material was installed. The installed bridges should be left in Cambodia.

13. Water purification and bladders ..... -

16. Nil.

14. Containers ..... -

17. Nil.

15. Mine-clearing equipment 1 510 000

18. A proposal has been made for the acquisition of UNTAC mine-clearing equipment by the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC), which would be financed from voluntary contributions to the United Nations Development Programme Trust Fund for Capacity Building in Demining for Cambodia. Additional information and confirmation regarding the list of equipment and its costs have been requested by the prospective donor Government. The Government has also indicated certain conditions in its proposal with regard to the utilization of the voluntary contribution. The proposal is currently under review. A decision has not yet been taken.

16. Miscellaneous 100 000

19. In support of the heavy duty generators, the uninterruptible power supply units (UPS) are a necessity to protect the delicate hardware from the erratic and unstable power supply. The power supplies should therefore be donated.